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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.21, please substitute for claim 42 the following rewritten version of the same claim, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

42. (Amended) The method of claim 38, wherein the host cell is selected from the group consisting of a plant cell, an animal cell, an insect cell, a fungal cell and a bacterial cell.

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